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In re Application of	:
Dean L. Rhoades	:
Serial No.: 09/802,405	: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: March 9, 2001	:
Attorney Docket No.: 05309P001X	:

This is in response to applicant's petition filed August 13, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on actual infringement.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, II. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

An Office action on the merits was mailed to applicant on August 27, 2002, and awaits reply by applicant.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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